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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on March 26, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Applicant did not make all of the elections required by the restriction requirement (see below). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

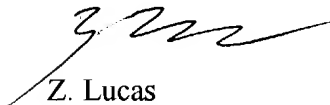
2. In the Response to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicant elected Group II and Group A (SEQ ID NO: 3). However, it is noted that the restriction requirement states: "if the Applicant elects this subgroup, applicant is required to elect é specific sequence to be searched." Restriction requirement, page 4 (parenthetical note in the description of Subgroup A). Thus, in order to be fully responsive, the Applicant is required to elect a sequence to be searched that falls within the genus of sequences described by SEQ ID NO: 3.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zachariah Lucas whose telephone number is 571-272-0905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.

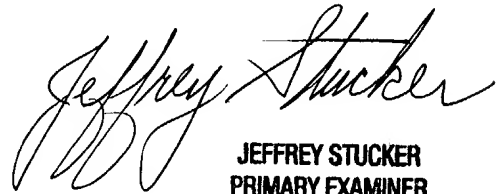
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Housel can be reached on 571-272-0902. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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